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MINING OPERATIONS
PERMIT INFORMATION

It is unlawful for any person to engage in extraction, processing, or other mining operations within Mono County without possessing, at the time of such activity, all of the following:

1. **Mining Operations Permit** (approved in accordance with Mono County Code Chapter 7.10, Mining Operations); **OR**

Resource Extraction Use Permit (approved in accordance with Mono County General Plan Chapter 15, Resource Extraction). Resource Extraction Use Permits require a separate application form;
2. **Reclamation Plan** approved by the County (approved in accordance with Mono County General Plan Chapter 35, Reclamation Plans). Reclamation Plans require a separate application form; and
3. **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)** document.
4. **Indemnification Agreement.**

The Mining Operations Permit Application includes two parts: Part I, Project Application, is to be completed by the project applicant; Part II, Environmental Review, is to be completed by Mono County staff following review of the completed Project Application. Part II is also intended to inform project applicants about the type of environmental studies that may be required for the project's environmental review.

APPLICATION PACKET SHALL INCLUDE:

- A. Completed application form.
- B. Complete and detailed supporting materials, including plans, specifications, studies, maps, or other appropriate materials.
- C. Permit processing: See Development Fee Schedule for Mining Operations Permit.
- D. Environmental Review (CEQA): See Development Fee Schedule for Negative Declaration or Environmental Impact Report (deposit for initial study of EIR only).
- E. Completed Reclamation Plan application, including Draft Reclamation Plan, associated materials, and fees (see Reclamation Plan application for specific requirements and Development Fee Schedule for fees).
- F. Indemnification Agreement.

NOTE: Lack of required application materials will delay the processing of a Mining Operations Permit Application.

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Mono County Code Chapter 7.10

APPLICATION # _____ FEE \$ _____
DATE RECEIVED _____ RECEIVED BY _____
RECEIPT # _____ CHECK # _____ (NO CASH)

APPLICANT/AGENT _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

TELEPHONE (_____) _____ E-MAIL _____

OWNER, if other than applicant _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

TELEPHONE (_____) _____ E-MAIL _____

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION: Assessor's Parcel # _____

General Plan Land Use Designation _____

Land Ownership of Subject Property _____

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Provide a brief project description. Detailed requirements are listed on the following pages.

I CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT I am: ® legal owner(s) of the subject property (all individual owners must sign as their names appear on the deed to the land), ® corporate officer(s) empowered to sign for the corporation, or ® owner's legal agent having Power of Attorney for this action (a notarized "Power of Attorney" document must accompany the application form), AND THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Signature

Signature

Date

MINING OPERATIONS CHECKLIST

PART I: PROJECT APPLICATION

The Project Application shall include, at a minimum, the following information, shown or described in detailed plans, specifications, studies, maps or other appropriate formats. Please note that the studies specified in Part II of this application would also be required, unless the Planning Director determines otherwise.

Check the following boxes to indicate that the material is included in your application packet. In the space provided for each item, indicate *where* the information is included in your application packet (e.g., Site Map and Project Description, page 1). Attach additional pages if necessary.

- ⑧ Nature, estimated location and physical characteristics of the substance(s) proposed to be mined or processed. See attachment, page_____
- ⑧ Location, duration, manner and method of proposed extraction or processing activities.

- ⑧ Quantity of substances proposed to be mined or processed. _____

- ⑧ Estimated facilities, personnel, equipment and vehicles that will be brought into or constructed within the county to conduct or provide services related to the proposed extraction or processing. _____

- ⑧ Days of the week and times of day when the proposed extraction or processing will foreseeably occur. _____

- ⑧ Manner or method by which personnel, equipment, mined substances, or any materials associated with the proposed extraction or processing will be moved, transported or otherwise conveyed to, from, at, or around the extraction or processing site. _____

- ⑧ Quantity and source of any water proposed to be used in conjunction with the proposed extraction or processing. _____

- ⑧ Nature and source(s) of power, electrical or otherwise, that will be used at the site of the proposed extraction or processing. _____

- ⑧ Quantity, nature and proposed means of disposing of any solid or liquid waste generated by the project. _____

- ⑧ Other materials that may be required by Planning Division staff as deemed relevant or appropriate in order to process the permit _____

- ⑧ Completed Reclamation Plan Application form, associated materials, and fee.

- ⑧ Mining Operations Permit fees. Mono County will collect a deposit and fees not to exceed the County's direct and indirect costs necessary to comply with Mono County Code and CEQA (7.10.050 E). See Development Fee Schedule.

REQUIRED CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

Section 7.10 D of the Mono County Code requires the Planning Commission to impose certain conditions of approval for Mining Operations Permits. In order to facilitate the project review process, project descriptions and Reclamation Plan applications should discuss how the conditions listed below would be addressed.

Check the following boxes to indicate that the material is included in your application packet. In the space provided for each item, indicate *where* the information is included in your application packet (e.g. Site Map and Project Description, page 1).

- ⑧ Mining operations, before and during mining, shall characterize the potential of their ore and waste rock to generate acid mine drainage. Both static and kinetic testing shall be required to make this determination. _____
- ⑧ Pollution prevention and pollution containment techniques shall be required in all phases of the mine operation. _____
- ⑧ Mining operations shall use the best available technology and practices to protect the environment. _____

NOTE: These are not the only conditions of approval that will be imposed on mining projects. However, they are specifically mentioned in the County's Mining Operations Ordinance (MCC 7.10). Section 7.10 D also requires: "Any other appropriate mitigation measures and associated monitoring programs. Significant adverse environmental impacts associated with mining operations shall be mitigated to a level of nonsignificance to the extent feasible without creating a de facto ban of mining or a 'clear obstacle' to achieving the Congressional purposes of the Federal Mining Act, unless a statement of overriding considerations is made through the CEQA process."

PART II: ADDITIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Following receipt of a complete Project Application, the County and its consultant(s) will analyze and assess the potential adverse environmental impacts of the proposed extraction or processing operations in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and applicable sections of the Mono County Code. The analysis shall include the following, to the extent each item is deemed relevant and appropriate by the Planning Director. Specific requirements for environmental studies will be discussed with the applicant following initial project review by the County.

Required studies shall be funded by the applicant and completed by qualified consultants under the direction of Mono County staff.

Please be advised that the following studies will be required unless the Planning Director determines such studies are not relevant or appropriate:

- ⑧ Hydrologic studies of any surface waters on the project property or within the runoff or drainage path of the project.
- ⑧ Biological studies regarding the nature and quantity of any species of fish, birds, reptiles, mammals, and other flora and fauna living in or dependent on such surface waters.

- ⑧ Studies regarding the potential impacts of the project on any natural habitats or ecosystems in the county.
- ⑧ Studies regarding the potential impacts of the project on human health in the county.
- ⑧ Hydrologic determination of whether or not groundwater exists directly below or in the immediate vicinity of the site of the proposed extraction or processing.
- ⑧ To the extent groundwater is present, a detailed scientific analysis of the nature, quantity, locations and properties of such water and a detailed analysis of soil, percolation, and drainage characteristics of the land on which the proposed extraction or processing will occur.
- ⑧ Hydrological studies of the sources of water that will be used by the project itself and the impacts of the project on such sources.
- ⑧ Hydrological studies regarding any erosion and sedimentation impacts likely to be associated with or caused by the project.
- ⑧ Geological determination of whether or not any notable sources of actual or potential seismic or volcanic activity exist below or in the immediate vicinity of the site of the proposed extraction or processing.
- ⑧ To the extent any notable sources of actual or potential seismic or volcanic activity are present, a detailed scientific analysis of the nature and characteristics of such sources and their foreseeable relationship to and effects, if any, upon the proposed project, including but not limited to any groundwater used by or otherwise impacted by the project.
- ⑧ Scientific studies regarding the potential for the project to cause or be subject to land subsidence and collapse, and the hydrological impacts of any such potential on the environment.
- ⑧ Hydrology studies examining the flooding and drainage potential and characteristics of the proposed project and site of extraction or processing and the foreseeable environmental effects such as flooding and drainage may have on the site and on adjacent properties.
- ⑧ Scientific studies regarding the nature, quantity, and characteristics of any dust, gas, or other airborne substance likely to be generated or dispersed by the proposed project.
- ⑧ Scientific studies regarding the nature, quantity, and characteristics of any nighttime lighting proposed to be used on the project.
- ⑧ Scientific studies regarding the nature, decibel level, and other pertinent characteristics of any noise or sound likely to be generated by the proposed project.
- ⑧ Scientific studies examining the probability, nature, and extent of environmental contamination, if any, that could foreseeably result from the project in "best case," "average case" and "worst case" scenarios, taking into account both natural and artificial causes of such contamination, including but not limited to, spills, leaks, and other discharges resulting from design flaws, negligent design or construction, negligence of extraction or processing operators, as well as rainfall, snowfall, snow melt, floods, fires, earthquakes, and other potential natural forces and events.
- ⑧ Studies determining whether or not items of archaeological or cultural significance are present at the site and, if so, the degree to which they would be disturbed or otherwise impacted by the proposed project.
- ⑧ Studies determining whether or not endangered species of plants or animals are present at the site and, if so, the degree to which they would be disturbed or otherwise impacted by the proposed project.

- ⑧ Feasible project alternatives and mitigation measures, which may include components of any reclamation plan proposed or approved for the project.